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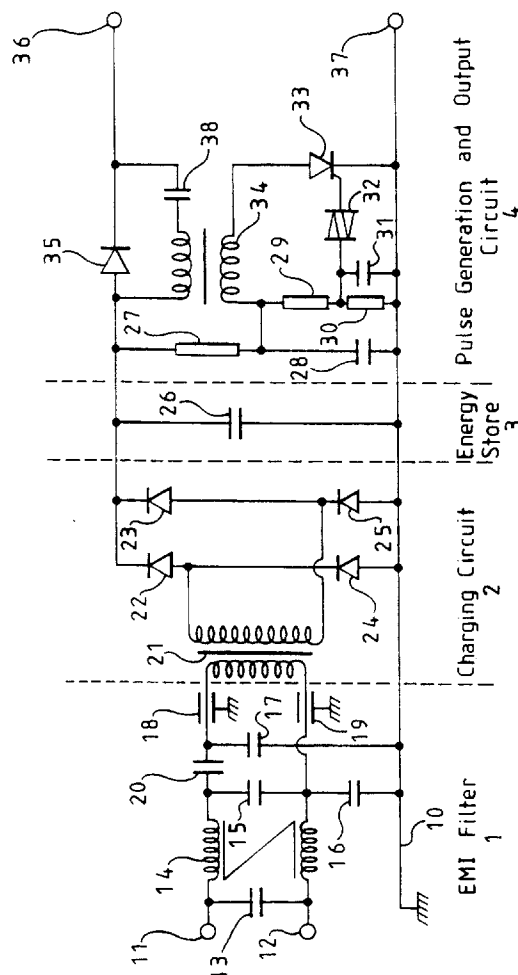
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(54) **Ignition apparatus employing a lower voltage capacitor discharge self-triggering circuit.**

(57) A charging circuit (2) charges a first capacitor (26) to a first voltage and a second capacitor (28), via a potential divider (27,29,30) to a second voltage smaller than the first voltage. A self-trigger circuit (29-32) repeatedly triggers a thyristor (33) which discharges the second capacitor (28) into the primary winding of a pulse transformer (34) whose secondary winding is connected across a diode (35) in series with the first capacitor (26) between output terminals (36,37). The discharge of the second capacitor (28) initiates whereby the first capacitor (26) maintains the discharge in an igniter plug. Thus reducing the voltage stress over the trigger thyristor (33).

FIG 2





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